



## TYPES OF DISTRICTS

### **RESIDENCY DISTRICTS**

Candidates must live in the district/ward they want to represent, but all voters of the jurisdiction (city/county) vote for them.

*Example: Durham City Council has 3 wards. Candidates must live in the ward, but everyone in city votes for all three wards.*

### **SINGLE MEMBER OR PURE DISTRICTS**

Candidates must live in the district/ward they want to represent and only the voters who live in the same district/ward can vote for them.

*Example: Durham school board has 6 districts of this type, 4 districts and 2 consolidated districts. Candidates must live in the district and only voters in that district can vote for them.*

### **AT LARGE DISTRICTS**

This is a variation of residency districts. There are no wards or districts. Candidates must live in the jurisdiction (city or county) and all voters vote for them.

*Examples: Durham County Commissioners. There are 5 seats, candidates must live in the county and all voters vote for all 5 candidates. Durham City Council has 3 at large seats. Durham school board has one at large seat.*

### **SUMMARY**

I live in the city and county of Durham. Here's how I vote:

- ✓ **County Commissioners** - Every 4 years I vote for 5 candidates.
- ✓ **City Council** - Every 2 years I vote for Mayor and three of the six City Council members. Mayor is two year term, City Council is four year term staggered. I vote for Mayor and 3 at large seats and next time I vote for Mayor and 3 ward seats.
- ✓ **School Board** - I vote for 3 of the 7 members. They have staggered four year terms. Every two years I vote for one (my district), or two (my consolidated district and one at large seat).